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SUBJ: HORN OF ARICA/SOMALI WITHDRAWAL

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1. CALLED ON FONMIN KHALATBARY AFTERNOON MARCH 10 AND CONVEYED ALL REFTEL POINTS. STRESSED USEFULNESS OF GOI EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SIAD'S DECISION AND HOPE THAT WE WOULD WORK CLOSELY ON FOLLOW ON STEPS OF INSTALLING NEUTRAL OBSERVERS IN THE OGADEN AND HELPING INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT RECOVERY IN THAT REGION.

2. KHALATBARY SAID SIAD'S DECISION WELCOME BUT PERHAPS TOO LONG DELAYED. HE IS IN VASTLY WEAKER BARGAINING POSITION NOW THAN EARLIER AND WONDERED WHETHER HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SURVIVE INTERNALLY. HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD IN FACT WITHDRAW. IF SO, WHERE WOULD CUBANS GO? WOULD THEY NOW TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO RHODESIA? HE THOUGHT IT WAS A POSSIBILITY. KHALATBARY ALSO ASKED WHAT KIND OF QUOTE DEFENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNQUOTE WE HAVE IN MIND POSSIBLY SUPPLYING TO

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SOMALIA. IN CONCLUSION HE SAID HE WOULD PASS ON OUR MESSAGE TO THE SHAH WHO IS CURRENTLY TOURING SOUTH IRAN AND BE BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT THE COMING DAYS WOULD BE BUSY TIMES FOR US ALL IF ANYTHING WAS TO BE SALVAGED FROM THE DEBACLE.
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